

Water Resources Division		Agency/Program #: 5706-24-G1
		Division:
		Program:
Agency Name:	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
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Program or Project Description:

The Water Resources Division is responsible for promoting and coordinating the beneficial use, conservation, protection and development of Montana's water resources. The Water Resources Division carries out its duties for the purpose of promoting the general welfare and economic and social prosperity of the people of Montana. Sound coordination of the development and utilization of the state's waters allows the Water Resources Division to protect existing uses and to promote adequate future supplies for domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreation, the conservation of water for wildlife, aquatic life and other beneficial uses.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					Not Provided
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):

Protect Montana's Water from External Threats through International and Multi-State Compacts.

Legislative Performance Measures :

1. Work to achieve greater equity in the apportionment of the St. Mary / Milk River System allocated under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and the 1921 Order of the International Joint Commission.
2. Work to protect the water quality in North Fork of the Flathead River.
3. Seek an allocation of Hungry Horse water to assure a future water supply for Western Montana communities and residents.
4. Participate in multi-state organization focused on the management of the Missouri River system.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
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Agency Performance Report:

- Drafted a letter for the Governor that was sent to the IJC in support of its proposal for cost- share arrangements and appointed representative to the International Task Force Committee.
- The MT/Alberta MOU was signed Oct 29, 2007 and implementation of the MOU is beginning.
 - o Continue discussions with the Crown Manager's Partnership on the Spring Forum.
- A large lakes conference was held Oct. 2007. Over 175 people attended.
 - o Held a meeting in October with British Petroleum in Calgary.
 - o A Summit is proposed for early 2008 to define options for resolving differences in the trans-boundary Flathead.
 - o Continue to submit timely comments on the proposed Cline mine, BP's CBM proposal, a new phosphate mine proposal and other mining proposals in the BC Flathead (as needed).
- Discussions are on-going to define future water needs in the basins in the spring of 2008.
- Montana submitted oral testimony at the Corps public meeting in Glasgow in Oct 2007 on the 2008 Annual Operating Plan for the Missouri River system and is preparing written comments that will be submitted in November 2007.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Warning

DATA RELEVANCE: The data recieved does not support the performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: The agency did not provide an estimate of appropriations and expenditures for this goal.

COMMENTS/ISSUE: The report provides an update of activities within the Division in regards to interational water issues. The report does tell the reader whether the mentioned activities has any impact on the goal of protecting Montana's water from external threats. For example, the report states that the state signed an MOU with Alberta, the reader must impart that this was a good thing, but does not know why it is a positive action. The story is not complete. A warning ranking was provided as the report is not relevant to the measures or the goal.

OPTIONS for the committee:

1) accept the ranking and receive another report, 2)accept and eliminate further follow up; or 3) upgrade to on-track



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5706-24-G1-CW-1	12/06/07	Smith
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Change Description
Narrative added.